

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 Feb 53 14/0258Z	2. LOCATION San Francisco, California
3. SOURCE 3 Civ. men	10. CONCLUSION WEATHER PHENOMENA
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Report of objects attributed to effects of inversion in area
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 22 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round black object followed by 2 silver streaks appearing to be vapor trails traveled at a high rate of speed maneuvering up and down on zig zag course. A throbbing sound was heard as the obj passed overhead at alt. of approx 10,000'. Thousands of persons observed similar obj on 13 Feb 53. An astronomer said that sightings were result of a temperature inversion.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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cool air at racing level, a warm layer of 1,000 feet, and then another layer of cold air—forming the base of the "upper" inversion area.

Added a Weather Bureau forecaster, somewhat dryly:

"A high pressure area might weaken enough to allow a little fog—then you wouldn't have your inversion areas anymore."

And you wouldn't have any "Blinky," either, he suggested.

While the show lasted.

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#### THE WEATHER

**San Francisco and Bay Area**—Fair today and tomorrow, except high fog tomorrow morning. Cooler today.

**Los Angeles and Vicinity**—Mostly fair today and tomorrow. High today near 73. Slightly cooler tomorrow.

#### TEMPERATURES

	Hi.	Lo.	Hi.	Lo.
San Fran.	71	53	73	48
Oak. Ant.	66	44	68	38
Sacramento	65	38	68	25
Freight	68	31	71	41
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Complete weather data on Page 22.

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## REMARKS

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1. Hamilton Field  
2. Feb 13, 1953  
3. 1758 - 1820 PST  
4. Newspaper Article - San Francisco  
261453 - Examiner  
Mr. OTTO STRUHRE made comments  
regarding his division, the typical  
would like to know these

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OBJECT FIRST SIGHTED OVER OCEAN APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES AWAY, HEADING INLAND PASSING OVER GOC POST THEN OVER CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. ESTIMATED ALTITUDE 10,000 FT.

5. OBSERVERS WERE: ██████████, ██████████, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF, ██████████, ██████████, SAN BERNANITO, CALIF, ██████████ MORGAN, ██████████, SAN FRANCISCO CALIF.

6. CLEAR WITH A FEW SCATTERED CLOUDS.

7. ACCORDING TO THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER DATED 14 FEBRUARY 1953. THOUSANDS OF PERSONS OBSERVED SIMILAR OBJECTS OVER THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 13 FEBRUARY 1953 AND AGAIN DURING THE EARLY EVENING OF THE SAME DATE. THE SAN FRANCISCO WEATHER BUREAU REPORTED A MASS OF WARM AIR ENCASED BETWEEN TWO LAYERS OF COLD AIR OVER THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AT AN ELEVATION OF APPROXIMATELY 3200 FT DURING THE PERIODS OF THIS OBSERVATION. DR OTTO STRUVE, AN ASTRONOMER, EXPLAINED THE EXISTENCE OF THESE SIGHTINGS THE RESULT OF AN INVERSION CAUSED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS ACCORDING TO THE EXAMINER STORY. ACCORDING TO THIS NEWSPAPER MANY OF THE PERSONS OBSERVING THIS OBJECT PLACED IT BETWEEN 3000 AND 4000 FT ALT.

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9. NEGATIVE

10. NEGATIVE.

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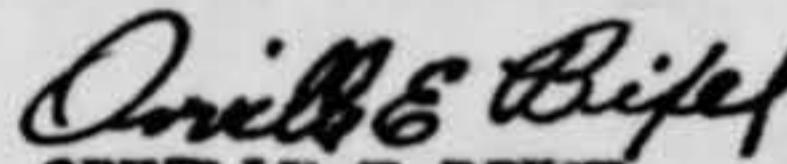
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FLYOBRPT.

1. ONE ROUND, BLACK OBJECT FOLLOWED BY TWO SILVER STREAKS WHICH APPEARED TO BE VAPOR TRAILS. OBJECT MOVING AT MODERATELY HIGH SPEED MANEUVERING UP AND DOWN AND ON ZIG ZAG COURSE. THROBBING SOUND HEARD WHEN OBJECT PASSED OVERHEAD. DISAPPEARED FROM LINE OF SIGHT OVER SAN FRANCISCO.
2. BETWEEN 1758 AND 1820PST, 13 FEBRUARY 1953.
3. VISUALLY FROM THE GROUND
4. OBSERVERS LOCATED AT GOC POST, MT SUTRO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO. IR-2-53 W	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)			
AREA REPORTED ON San Francisco Bay Area, California		FROM (Agency) Dir of Intel, 28 AD, Hamilton AFB, Calif.	
DATE OF REPORT 19 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 February 1953	EVALUATION C-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt. Orville E Bixel, Dir of Intelligence		SOURCE Member of Ground Observer Corps	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952 TMX 28th OID 01310 FLYOBRPT, 15 February 1953			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 119-Part II.)			
<p>In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)", the following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted.</p> <p>On 13 February 1953, between 1758 and 1820, PST four observers manning a GOC Post on top of Mount Sutro in San Francisco, California sighted an unidentified flying object. This object was sighted over the ocean at an altitude estimated at 10,000 feet. The object was described as round with what <u>appeared to be two vapor trails</u> following it. The speed of this object was not estimated but it appeared considerably slower than that of an aircraft. No sound was heard from this object except during the period when it passed over the GOC Post. The object appeared to <u>move up and down</u> and had a zig zag course. Object disappeared over the city of San Francisco.</p> <p>Inclosed herewith is a copy of the story pertaining to these objects as printed by the San Francisco Examiner dated 14 February 1953. According to the Examiner thousands of persons in the Bay area observed the same or similar objects to the ones described in this report during the early morning hours and early evening of 13 February 1953.</p>			
1 Incl Newspaper article, San Francisco Examiner		 ORVILLE E BIXEL Captain, USAF Director of Intelligence	
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✓23	4 ✓	Yuma City, Arizona
✓24	4 ✓	Maxwell AFB, Alabama
✓25	4 ✓	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
✓26	4 ✓	Blythe, California
✓27	3 ✓	Keflavik Airport, Iceland
✓28	3 ✓	Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland
✓29	3 ✓	Dietrich, Idaho
✓30	3 ✓	Ramsey, New Jersey
✓31	2 ✓	Victorville, California
✓32	1 ✓	Saratoga Springs, New York
✓33	1 ✓	Quarryville, Pennsylvania
✓34	1 ✓	Terre Haute, Indiana
✓35	Feb 53	Syracuse, New York
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FEB 53 SIGHTINGS  
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✓1	13 ✓	Carswell AFB, Texas
✓2	13 ✓	Petersburg, Virginia
✓3	13 ✓	San Francisco, California
✓4	12 ✓	Vichy, Missouri
✓5	12 ✓	Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana
✓6	12 ✓	Misawa AB, Japan ✓
✓7	11 ✓	Tunis, Libya
✓8	11 ✓	Hamptonville, North Carolina
✓9	11 ✓	Great Falls AFB, Montana ✓
✓10	11 ✓	Laurel, Montana ✓
✓11	11 ✓	Patrick AFB, Florida ✓
✓12	10 ✓	Richmond, Virginia ✓
✓13	10 ✓	Misawa AFB, Japan ✓
✓14	9 ✓	Dobbins AFB, Georgia
✓15	8 ✓	Dobbins AFB, Georgia
✓16	8 ✓	Barter Island, Alaska
✓17	7 ✓	Corbin, Kentucky ✓
✓18	7 ✓	Northeastern Hokkaido, JAPAN
✓19	7 ✓	Okinawa
✓20	6 ✓	NAKNEK <del>Alendorn</del> AFB, Alaska ✓
✓21	6 ✓	Rosalia, Washington ✓
✓22	5 ✓	— TRUK ATOLL (CAN'T FIND)

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✓28	22 ✓	Arlington, Texas ✓
✓29	22 ✓	Lake Erie Buffalo, New York ✓
✓30	22 ✓	Dover AFB, Delaware ✓
✓31	22 ✓	Dodson, Montana ✓
✓32	21 ✓	Green Bay, Wisconsin ✓
✓33	20 ✓	Chö-do, North Korea ✓
✓34	20 ✓	Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin ✓
✓35	17 ✓	Port Austin, Michigan ✓
✓36 <sup>30 JAN</sup>	17 ✓	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska ✓
✓37	17 ✓	Bremerton, Washington ✓
✓38	17 ✓	Elmendorf, Alaska ✓
✓39	16 ✓	Rainer, Alabama ✓

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✓ 5	27 ✓	Pasadena, California ✓
✓ 6	27 ✓	Dayton, Ohio ✓
✓ 7	27 ✓	Itazuke AB, Japan ✓
✓ 8	27 ✓	Northern Honshu ✓ CPHEIM
✓ 9	27 ✓	<del>Great Falls AFB</del> , Montana ✓
✓ 10	26 <del>28</del> ✓	Dover A FB, Delaware ✓
✓ 11	26 ✓	Klamath Falls, Oregon ✓
✓ 12	26 ✓	Greenland ✓
✓ 13	26 ✓	Honshu, Japan → <i>MIGHT SAME</i> ✓
✓ 14	26 ✓	Northern Kiyusha → ✓
✓ 15	26 ✓	Pepperell AFB, Newfoundland ✓ Brooks AFB ✓
✓ 16	26 ✓	<del>San Antonio</del> , Texas ✓
✓ 17	26 ✓	Kingsville, Maryland ✓
✓ 18	25 ✓	Charleston, West Virginia ✓
✓ 19	25 ✓	Great Falls, Montana ✓
✓ 20	24 ✓	<del>Montpelier</del> , Idaho ✓
✓ 21	24 ✓	Dayton, Ohio ✓
✓ 22	24 ✓	Sherman, Texas ✓

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FROM (Agency) Dir. of Intel. 28 AD. Hamilton AFB, California	REPORT NO. IR-2-53 W	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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An unidentified flying object was observed by four members of a GOC Post located on top of Mt. Sutro in San Francisco, California during the evening of 13 February 1953.

1. Description of object. One, round, black object which appeared to have two silver streaks following it (possibly vapor trails). Object appeared to be gaining and losing considerable altitude and flying a zig zag course. No means of propulsion were observed. A throbbing sound was heard apparently coming from the object as it passed overhead the GOC Post where the observers were located. The unidentified flying object disappeared from view over the city of San Francisco. Object was first observed approximately four miles to the West and over the ocean. Speed of this unidentified object appeared to be slower than that of a conventional aircraft.

2. Time of sighting was between 1758 and 1820 PST, 13 February 1953.

3. Manner of observation was visual without aids. No radar contacts with this object were reported.

4. Location of Observers during sighting was on top of Mount Sutro, San Francisco, California. The unidentified flying object was estimated by the observers as being approximately 10,000 feet altitude.

5. The observers of this object were: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], San Francisco, Calif; [REDACTED], [REDACTED], San Bernanito, Calif; [REDACTED], [REDACTED], San Francisco, Calif.

6. The weather was clear with a few scattered clouds. Visibility was reported as unlimited.

7. According to a newspaper article concerning similar sightings of unidentified flying objects which appeared in the San Francisco Examiner dated 14 February 1953, Dr. Otto Struve, a member of the University of California Astronomy Department explained the numerous sightings of "flying saucers" on 13 February 1953 as being caused by a temperature inversion.

8. Negative.

9. Negative.

10. Negative.

*Orville E. Bikel*

ORVILLE E. BIKEL

Captain, USAF

Director of Intelligence

## 15 - 28 FEBRUARY 1953 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
15	North Atlantic (H.O. Bulletin)(INFO)	Meteor Report	
15	Yugoslavia (Radio Belgrade)(INFO)		
16	Ramier, Alabama		
16	Willow, Alaska	Military Air	Balloon
17	Port Austin, Michigan	Visual	Astro (VEGA)
17	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Ground (RADAR)	Astro (VENUS)
17	Bremerton, Washington	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Greensboro, North Carolina (CASE MISSING)		Balloon
18	Iceland	Civilian	Astro (JUPITER)
20	Cho-Do, Korea	Military	Astro (METEOR)
20	Pittsburg, California (CASE MISSING)		Insufficient Data
20	Stockton, California	Air Visual	Astro (VENUS)
20	Russia	Not Reported	UNIDENTIFIED
20	Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin		Balloon
21	Green Bay, Wisconsin		Astro (STAR/PLANET)
22	Buffalo, New York		Astro (ARCTURUS)
22	Arlington, Texas		Insufficient Data
22	Dover, Delaware	Ground & Air	Insufficient Data
22	Dodson, Montana		Astro (VENUS/JUPITER)
23	Sidney, Australia (FBI NZ)(INFO)		Astro (VENUS)
23	Celebes	Not Reported	Insufficient Data
23	Queens, New York		Astro (METEOR)
23	Fortville, Indiana		Balloon
23	Maine	Multiple	Astro (VENUS)
23	Southern Wisconsin		Insufficient Data
24	Dayton, Ohio		Astro (VENUS)
24	Mountpelier, Idaho		A/C
24	Sherman, Texas		UNIDENTIFIED
24-6 Mar	Great Falls, Montana		Insufficient Data
25	Borneo	Multiple	Insufficient Data
25	Charleston, West Virginia	Ground (RADAR)	Electronic Countermeasures
25-27	Japan (Multiple Locations)	Multiple	1. Lighthouse Light 2. Astro (ACTURUS) 3. Astro (VENUS)
26	Greenland	Ground (RADAR)	Inversion (WX)
26	Kingsville, Maryland		A/C
26	Pepperell AB, Newfoundland	Military	Other (FLARE)
26	Klamath Falls, Oregon	Multiple	Astro (VENUS)
26-27	San Antonio, Texas	Multiple Military	1. Balloon 2. A/C
26-28	Dover, Delaware	Multiple Reports	Astro (VENUS)
27	Great Falls AB, Montana	Ground (RADAR)	Insufficient Data
27	Shreveport, Louisiana	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
27	Pasadena, California		Astro (STAR/PLANET)
27	Dayton, Ohio		Insufficient Data
28	Colorado Springs, Colorado		Balloon
28	Richmond, Virginia	Military	Other (CONTRAIL)
28	Perry, Pennsylvania		Insufficient Data
28	Clean, New York		Astro (ARCTURUS)
28	Clean, New York		Astro (VENUS)
28	Clean, New York		Insufficient Data
28	Clean, New York		Insufficient Data

No Case (Information Only)

15 February 1953  
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

15 Feb 1953

**Miscellaneous:**

**Flying Saucers.** Stories of these mysterious vehicles are legion; only rarely, however, is such a report coupled with the name of a manufacturer. Particular interest is, therefore, attached to the following two announcements. In the first case, Radio Belgrade stated that a number of flying saucers flew over a Belgrade suburb on February 15th. They were, it appears, developed by the research department of the Jugoslav Air Force and had the following characteristics: diameter, 40 in.; all-up weight, 4 1/2 lb; top speed, 31 mph with radio control. A further display is "scheduled for Marshal Tito's birthday".

ATIC DOCUMENT 110357, Flight and Aircraft Engineer

No Case (Information Only)

North Atlantic  
15 Feb 1953

Director  
Aerospace Research  
Kitw. Assoc.  
Maxwell AFB., Alabama

RETURN TO

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NORTH ATLANTIC

The second officer of the American SS. *The Cabins*, Capt. A. F. Nathey, Master, reports that at 0745 G. M. T., February 15, 1953, in lat.  $26^{\circ}53'$  N., lon.  $71^{\circ}55'$  W., he sighted a greenish colored object about the size of a star of first magnitude brilliance. It was first sighted bearing  $225^{\circ}$  altitude  $10^{\circ}$  and streaked across the sky parallel to the horizon in a northerly direction for about  $75^{\circ}$  of azimuth in about 2 seconds and disappeared into a cloud. The object had a reddish-orange tail with several slight waves.

Weather clear with few clouds, wind SW. force 3, very good visibility, barometer 30.03 inches, air temperature  $71^{\circ}$  F.

Second Officer D. B. Hoobler of the American SS. *Quirigua*, Capt. George Eppelman, Master, reports that at 0745 G. M. T., February 15, 1953, in approximate position lat.  $26^{\circ}12'$  N., lon.  $74^{\circ}41'$  W., he observed a bright reddish-orange meteor. It appeared near the star *Antares* bearing  $131^{\circ}$  altitude  $12^{\circ}$ . It traveled in a straight line of about  $300^{\circ}$  and passed almost directly over the vessel at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet until it disappeared behind clouds on the horizon in the west. It was visible for about 10 seconds and left a very bright reddish trail.

Weather clear with scattered clouds on the horizon, wind south-southeast force 3, moderate sea, air temperature  $74^{\circ}$  F.

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VOL. CLXXXVIII, NO. 45 CCC\* SAN FRANCISCO. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1953 DAILY 10c. SUNDAY

That Thing Over S. F.

**Blinky, the Amber  
Bulb, Flits in Sky;  
Thousands See It**

But It's Only  
Hot Air

By WILL STEVENS

"Blinky" returned to the skies over the San Francisco Bay area last night, flipping and flopping and swishing like something possessed.

Thousands on both sides of the Bay saw The Thing whip and whirl through a double-take Friday the Thirteenth display.

It wasn't a Flying Saucer from Mars or Venus—or at least most folks hoped it wasn't.

It wasn't a fireball. Scientists said fireballs don't hover, and "Blinky" hovered . . . like this . . . and up and down . . . and sideways . . . oops! . . . like that.

#### *Not a Jet, Either—*

Nor was it jet aircraft, their trails playing weird tricks. Neither the Air Force nor the Navy had any jets aloft. It wasn't a flare. The Navy and Air Force weren't dropping any last night, and the Coast Guard wasn't firing any flares skyward. Nor was the Army—or the Marines.

It wasn't a Weather Bureau balloon. The bureau didn't launch its nightly radio balloon until 7:30 p. m., from Oakland, whereupon it promptly galloped due south, toward San Jose—out of the "Blinky" area of operations—and up to 60,000 feet.

#### *Changes Colors—*

What thousands saw was a round "bulb" or "ball"—amber colored, changing at times to silver, at being illuminated at from 3,000 to 10,000 feet. Between 3:30 a. m. and 18 a. m. earlier Friday, others had seen the same object. Last night "Blinky" came back.

Scientists and Weather Bureau forecasters agreed, however, that nature probably was doing it with mirrors—or more specifically, that a "mirroring temperature inversion" layer in the atmosphere was reflecting lights to produce the weird effects.

So "Blinky," figuratively taken apart by science, pretty well disintegrated in the process of a two-pronged explanation:

1—Professor Otto Struve, chairman of the astronomy department at the University of California, explained that inversion is a meteorological phenomenon by which a mass of warm air develops between two layers of cold air. The warm layer acts as a "reflector" with certain combinations of density and temperature.

2—Weather Bureau spokesmen disclosed that the Bay Area indeed had an "inversion pattern" last night, with a base of cold air at 3,200 feet, a mass of warm air (where cold air ordinarily should be) 600 feet in depth, and then a "lid" of cold air

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## REMARKS

located at Svc Post  
at mt. Sutro  
  
Saw for 22 minutes  
- 1 black object followed  
by silver streak.  
- Throbbing - sound

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## REMARKS

Wed + Thurs. - vacation

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#### LIKE DOUBLE FEATURE.

Actually, the sky show approximated a double feature.

As early as 3:30 a.m. yesterday, "Blinky"—before the scientists got away to explaining him into just another meteorological phenomenon—caused eyes to pop at street level.

For two hours and eighteen minutes, his erratic behavior—the traditional "flying saucer" pattern—was followed and recorded by responsible watchers.

Emeryville Policemen James Wayne and Aldo Berta, driving in separate cars in different sections in Emeryville, sighted it first. Policeman Wayne reported:

"It looked like a light bulb. I wouldn't guess the altitude. It appeared to be hovering over Albany race track, and seemed to be weaving from side to side. At first it was amber colored. Then it turned to silver.

"It moved up and down at intervals. It moved to the north, round like a bulb. Then it moved south."

#### SEEN BY OTHERS.

Officer Berta gave almost precisely the same description. Simultaneously, Berkeley Police Sergeant Robert Gorman saw it.

At 8 a.m., California Highway Patrolmen Al Turner and

Berkeley Policeman Roy McLaren sighted it, "hovering over the Bay, approximately halfway between Hunter's Point and Alameda. It stayed there for about a minute, then disappeared in a southerly direction."

#### NOT A SPACE SHIP.

Still the scientist, Doctor Struve observed last night—after suggesting the "inversion" theory:

"We're sure these 'saucers' people see are not space ships from outer space."

It is impossible, he said, to have intelligent human beings on any of the planets of the solar system except earth.

"Speculating very broadly," he added, "there is a possibility that intelligent human beings are on other planets on other solar systems—but if they do exist, the nearest would be fifty million light years away."

One thing nobody saw: little men parachuting earthward.

# Thousands See 'Bulb' Whirl Over Bay Area

(Continued from Page One)

though, it was first class, against the vast panorama of the sky itself. Hundreds of telephone calls from both sides of the Bay, the peninsula, and Marin County turned The Examiner switchboard into a miniature celestial display of lights unto itself.

#### VIEW FROM GATE BRIDGE.

What thousands saw was characterized briefly by Golden Gate Bridge Toll Collector Fred Peterson, of 143 Irving Street. He said:

"I saw it first at 5:55 p. m., and for five minutes thereafter, a round white light that made big, slow circles in the sky just above China Beach. It was a tall, but higher than the bridge towers. A number of motorists saw it as they drove up the approach from San Francisco. It was amber colored, changing to silver at times."

Civil Defense Ground Observer Corpsmen, doing their dull but vital job, had a welcome relief from watching stars and hearing jets blow over. Watcher Michael Moran, atop Mount Sutro with his GOC companions, reported:

"Object sighted: Round. Color: Black, with silver. Behavior: Went straight up, then straight down; also circling. Estimated altitude: 10,000 feet. Characteristics: Two flicking vapor trails, definitely not jet type. Sound: Deep throb. Position: Directly over tower. First sighted: 5:58 p. m. Length of sighting: Twenty-four minutes. Weather: Clear. Visibility: Unlimited."

#### THEY SAW IT, TOO.

That, agreed Ground Observers Rudy Pugh, Ray Rogoway and Roy Homer, was precisely what they saw, too.

Among the thousands watching the skies, scientists at Lick at all. But then, at a 4,200 level, Observatory didn't see anything they couldn't train their glass downward. And "Blinky" was jiving around at 3,000 feet. Observers at Morrison Planetarium in Golden Gate Park didn't see it, either.



**EXPLAINED**—A mass of warm air, developing between two layers of cold air, acts as a reflector of light, Astronomer Otto Struve said in explaining the gleam over the Bay area. His theory was supported by reports from the Weather Bureau.

Lee Wood, in a patrol car at University Avenue and Eastshore Highway, spotted "Blinky."

Turner declared:

"It was a white ball of light or fire, approximately 3,000 feet high. It was traveling in a westerly direction, at about 250 to 300 mph, from over the Richmond hills. It passed directly over the Golden Gate Bridge. There were no trails. It gave the appearance of being a very bright electric light bulb in midair."

Wood added:

"It was too slow for a falling star or meteor."

#### SPOTTED FROM BRIDGE.

At 5:20 a. m., Highway Patrolman James Morgan, on the Golden Gate Bridge, picked it up through binoculars. Said Morgan:

"I first saw it over Alcatraz, traveling west. It appeared to be 3,000 feet high, judging by the height of the 700 foot bridge towers. There was no noise. It was perfectly round in shape, and of bright but not brilliant white, color. I watched it for two minutes, and saw it disappear past the Farallon Islands."

At that stage, it was seen and similarly described by lookouts at the Mount Tamalpais Ranger Station.

At 6:18 a. m. yesterday,